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# **BOARD WELCOMES NEW MEMBER, REVIEWS POLICY**

The Vermont Board of Libraries met in Berlin on June 18 to introduce a new board member, approve a new Internet Use Policy, and discuss progress on various Department initiatives. It generally meets on the third Thursday of the even-numbered months at 10:30 am at the Midstate Regional Library.

This was the first meeting for new Board member Susan Bruce of St. Albans who was recently appointed by Governor Howard Dean to serve on the seven-member advisory body to the Department of Libraries. A graduate of Middlebury College, Bruce is a trustee of the St. Albans Free Library. She was active in fund raising for the recently opened addition to that library which doubled its space on a small lot. She joins Joan Rahe (Bennington), Laura Lewis (Guilford), John Rosenthal (Charlotte), Rosemary Rogers (Proctor), and Nancy Price Graff (Montpelier). State Librarian Sybil Brigham McShane noted that another appointment to the board will be announced later in the summer.

The Board of Libraries reviewed and recommended that the Department adopt a new Internet Safety Policy/Acceptable Use Policy to comply with the Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act (NCIPA). The policy, which will be reviewed by the Attorney General's Office before final approval, was developed in response to resolution of the recent lawsuit regarding the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). It will be available in its entirety on the Department's website (http://dol.state.vt.us) when finally approved.

The policy notes the Department of Libraries' support for the American Library Association's *Library Bill of Rights*, particularly its *Interpretation* regarding *Access to Electronic Information*, *Services*, *and Networks*. It also outlines unacceptable uses of the Department's computers and "affirms the right and responsibility of parents/guardians...to determine and monitor their minor children's use of the internet."

At the June Board meeting, State Librarian Sybil Brigham McShane also reviewed the recent evaluation of the Department's five year plan for its federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funding. The evaluation, conducted with the assistance of Library Development Solutions, Princeton, NJ, notes that "Without LSTA support, Vermont libraries would be less able to provide relevant services to residents today, such as Internet access, efficient interlibrary loan and reference services, and access to library catalogs statewide." The Department's successes with the Vermont Automated Libraries System (VALS), certification and continuing education for public librarians, the statewide summer reading program, and technology grant programs were all highlighted. McShane said that the report also offers suggestions for the coming five year plan, to be submitted to the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services this summer. The report is available online at:

http://dol.state.vt.us/gopher\_root5/libraries/lsta/VTLSTAReport.pdf

Finally, McShane told the Board about the impact of recent state budget reductions and the possibility of recissions to the FY2003 budget. The suggestion to close regional libraries to the general

public while leaving them open to libraries was <u>not</u> part of the FY2003 budget passed by the General Assembly. As this issue of <u>News</u> went to press, a flat state economy had necessitated a hiring freeze in state government. McShane expected to hear more about the Department's budget during the summer.

# PATRIOT ACT SPARKS CONCERN

Recent articles in the <u>Burlington Free Press</u> and a syndicated cartoon by Vermonter Jeff Danziger have highlighted the USA Patriot Act and libraries. On October 25, 2001, Congress passed the "Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act" (USA PATRIOT Act). According to the American Library Association (ALA), "this law broadly expands the powers of federal law enforcement agencies investigating cases involving foreign intelligence and international terrorism."

Several Vermont librarians have been interviewed by the press about their concerns, and library staff, volunteers, and trustees have also wondered what their response should be when or if federal agents ask for information. Most Vermont public libraries have policies upholding the confidentiality of users in accordance with state law that makes records identifying library patrons and the circulation of library materials exempt from public access. Nonetheless, the federal law supercedes state laws, and librarians should cooperate with law enforcement within the framework of the law.

The ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee discussed the Patriot Act at its June meeting and determined that the Act "does not impose any duty on libraries to collect or retain confidential information about its patrons for law enforcement purposes. In addition, only FBI agents can use the Patriot Act to request information. An FBI agent who wishes to obtain confidential patron information is still required to present a search warrant or other court order before he or she can legally obtain those records."

Nevertheless, the Department of Libraries advises librarians and their boards to become knowledgeable about their responsibilities and legal obligations under the law. The following ALA websites are recommended:

http://www.ala.org/washoff/patriot.html

http://www.ala.org/alaorg/oif/usapatriotact.html

http://www.ala.org/washoff/patstep.pdf

State Librarian Sybil Brigham McShane noted in a July 7 email message to librarians that

[Librarians] will want to make decisions regarding data, logs and records of all types digital and paper - to be discarded or saved. For example, why are you keeping your computer sign-up sheets? Once the day is complete and you have counted usage, you really do not need those sheets any more. If you are keeping the sheets so you can track down who did "inappropriate" things with the computer you are probably compromising the privacy of all your patrons for the few problem patrons. Are you clearing your public access computers history files and other caches daily so that patron's privacy is not compromised?

Please be aware that a search warrant issued by a FISA court [the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (USA Patriot Act amendment)] also contains a gag order. That means that no person or institution served with the warrant can disclose that the warrant has been served or that records have been produced pursuant to the warrant. The library and its staff must comply with this order. No information can be disclosed to any other party, including the patron whose records are the subject of the search warrant.

The gag order does not change a library's right to legal representation during the search. The library can still seek legal advice concerning the warrant and request that the library's legal counsel be present during the actual search and execution of the warrant.

The Freedom to Read Foundation's legal counsel is also available to libraries that do not have attorneys. Call the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom (1-800-545-2433, ext. 4223) and inform the staff

that you need legal advice. Do not disclose the reason for the assistance and do not inform the staff of the existence of a warrant. An attorney will return your call.

# RICHARDS TO HEAD MRL

Edwin B. "Ned" Richards, formerly of New York City, has been named director of the Department of Libraries Midstate Regional Library in Berlin, beginning July 15. The regional library serves libraries of all types and the general public with interlibrary loan and supplementary library materials. As regional librarian, Richards will also provide consulting services to public libraries in Rutland and Addison Counties and parts of Washington, Orange, and Windsor Counties.

A graduate of Portland (OR) State University with an MLS from Rutgers University, Richards was most recently Technical Services Coordinator at the Dana Library at Rutgers Newark campus. Prior to that position, he spent several years at the New York Public Library, working in various branches and serving as Senior Assistant Branch Chief in two branches. He served on NYPL's "Books to Remember" committee in 2000 and on its New Professionals committee in 1998-2000. Richards has also worked at the Maricopa County (AZ) Public Library and the Oregon Health Sciences University.

# LIBRARIES SIGN UP FOR "MUTUAL AID"

Several Vermont public libraries have signed up to participate in the Department of Libraries' new Mutual Aid program, a voluntary mentoring program. The libraries are paired on the basis of interest and need, offering support and guidance in whatever form the librarians and boards of trustees feel is needed. Visits and meetings between libraries may be involved, or the libraries can work together on an "on-call" basis. Contact between libraries should be at least once a month for a year, which may be renewed by mutual agreement.

The first libraries to be involved in the program are the Platt Memorial Library, Shoreham, and the Brown Public Library, Northfield. Shoreham trustees and staff hope to expand the library's space, perhaps in cooperation with one or more community organizations. The Northfield library did just that only a few years ago and now hopes to broaden its children's programming and other services, which is a strength of Platt Memorial's offerings.

Two incorporated public libraries - Mark Skinner Library, Manchester, and Brandon Free Public Library – will support each other during the automation process and in developing a range of community support. If your library would like to sign up for the Mutual Aid program, please contact your regional librarian or Marianne Kotch at 828-2320.

# STATE LIBRARIAN HEARD ON "SWITCHBOARD"

Librarians and trustees who tuned into Vermont Public Radio's popular "Switchboard" program May 23 may have been pleasantly surprised to hear familiar voices. State Librarian Sybil Brigham McShane and incoming Vermont Library Association president Karen Lane spent an hour discussing the future of libraries in an Information Age, the pros and cons of having more public libraries per capita than any other state, the variety of programs available statewide, and a host of other library issues with host Steve Zind.

VPR callers asked questions about the interlibrary loan system, out of town borrowers fees, regional library services, and more. Some also extolled the virtues of their own public libraries, particularly summer reading programs with the statewide theme "Travel Far, Pay No Fare." If you would like to hear the program in its entirety and your computer has audio capability, go to http://www.vpr.net/vt\_news/switchboard\_may2002.shtml.

## **E-RATE UPDATE**

## The Basics...

E-Rate, a common name for telecommunications discounts from the Universal Service Fund for Schools and Libraries, is now entering its 5<sup>th</sup> year of funding through the Federal Communications Commission. This program provides schools and public libraries with discounts for telecommunications services, Internet access, and internal communications. If you've never applied for E-Rate, the process at first glance can seem a bit daunting. But if you follow a few simple steps, your library can receive up to 90% funding for these services, to help your library not only pay the bills, but also upgrade and improve service to your community.

How to get started? The E-Rate web page at <a href="http://www.sl.universalservice.org">http://www.sl.universalservice.org</a> will have all the necessary forms and instructions that you will need for your applications. This is also the place for news, updates, and filing your forms electronically. Most public libraries that participate in the E-Rate program will follow the same basic steps year-after-year. Once you learn the application process, you will find it easier to do the next year. From start to finish, here is a the basic outline of the E-Rate process:

- 1. File Form 470 and wait the required 28 days (E-Rate will let you know when that is).
- 2. File Form 471 once the "window" (time during which all Form 471s are treated as if filed on the same day) becomes open.
- 3. After Form 471 is filed, you should receive an RAL (Receipt Acknowledgement Letter) for the E-Rate and immediately make any corrections where necessary.
- 4. You will receive a funding commitment from the SLD, essentially telling you what has or has not been approved for funding.
- 5. File Form 486 to let the SLD know that it is ok to pay discounts to your provider(s).
- 6. File Form 472 (BEAR) to your provider(s) in order to receive funding.

To make the process go smoothly, always respond to E-Rate correspondence as quickly as possible. If at any time during your application process you need some help, contact the SLD help line at 888-203-8100 or Department of Libraries staff for assistance.

## What's New?

On Friday, May 31, 2002, a three-judge panel of the United States District Court of Eastern Pennsylvania ruled that the CIPA (Children's Internet Protection Act) requirement for filtering in public libraries is unconstitutional. However, the court's decision did not eliminate all requirements for public libraries applying for E-Rate discounts. In addition to the CIPA requirements, another act - the Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act (NCIPA) -added additional requirements to the application process which were <u>not</u> impacted by the May 31 court decision and are still in force. The only exception would be public libraries that are only receiving telecommunications service discounts.

The NCIPA section that specifically affects public libraries is the requirement to enforce a "Policy of Internet Safety". Specifically, this policy must address the following issues: (1) access by minors to inappropriate material on the Internet, (2) safety and security of minors when using electronic communications, (3) unauthorized access, (4) unauthorized disclosure, use, dissemination of personal

identification information regarding minors; and (5) measures designed to restrict minors access to material harmful to minors. Details on NCIPA and a "Sample Internet Use Policy" are available at the Department of Libraries website (http://dol.state.vt.us).

On June 28, 2002, a new FCC/CIPA order was issued in response to the May 31 court decision and addresses how the Form 486 application process has changed. First, any library for Funding Year 2001 that did not file a FCC Form 486 in part due to the litigation will be allowed to submit a Form 486 for a period lasting 120 days from the release date of the order or the release date of a funding commitment decision letter, whichever is later. Second, all libraries that filed an FCC Form 486 after the October 28, 2001, deadline shall not be penalized for having missed the deadline but FCC Forms 486 shall still be subject to the normal 120 day rule. Third, for Funding Year 2001 library applicants that filed a Form 486 by October 28, 2001, without completing the CIPA certifications, the SLD shall accept these forms and process them without penalty for the lack of certification.

What should you do next? The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) recently reported that it is currently working through procedures with FCC staff "to implement this new order, and we expect to have these procedures ready next week." When these new procedures are ready, information about them will be posted on the SLD site at <a href="http://www.sl.universalservice.org">http://www.sl.universalservice.org</a>. Keep watching. Another site that will be keeping updates on all the current E-Rate decisions is the ALA site at: <a href="http://www.ala.org/cipa/">http://www.ala.org/cipa/</a>. Also, please watch your VALS email for E-Rate information, and feel free to call your regional librarian, Sybil McShane or Sheila Kearns if you have questions.

--Michael Roche Northeast Regional Librarian

# FALL TRUSTEES CONFERENCE FOCUSES ON CHANGE

Building on the success of the popular spring trustees workshops at Town Officers Educational Conferences around the state, the Vermont Library Trustees Association, in cooperation with the Department of Libraries, will be holding its annual statewide conference on Saturday, November 2, at the Kellogg-Hubbard Library, Montpelier. The theme for the day "How are Public Libraries Changing?" State Librarian Sybil Brigham McShane will offer her view on how Vermont's public libraries are changing and about important issues they face in providing different services to evolving communities.

Four workshops will be offered in the morning and repeated in the afternoon so that participants can attend at least two of them. Topics will include:

- What is obscenity? How do we know if we are observing the law?
- How are our meetings supposed to be run?
- Keeping our library in the public eye and promoting community involvement
- The new formats what's out there and how do we pay for them?

Closing remarks on "Is What We're Doing Ethical?" will feature Peacham trustee David E. L. Brown.

Registration and coffee will begin at 9:30, and the day will end at 3:00 pm. A bag lunch will be provided. Handouts will include a review of Vermont Public Library Foundation/Freeman Foundation projects, the recently revised "Policymaking," and other tools to help trustees face the uncertain, yet changing future. Cost for the day will include morning coffee and lunch. A registration form will be available at regional libraries, the Vermont Library Association's website (http://www.vermontlibraries.org) and in the <u>VLA News</u> in early fall. For more information, contact Marianne Kotch, Department of Libraries, 828-2320, email marianne.kotch@dol.state.vt.us.

## LIBRARY USAGE UP NATIONWIDE

Two new national studies commissioned by the American Library Association (ALA) show that Americans are using their libraries more than ever, and 91% of adults believe public libraries play an important role in the future, despite all of the information available on the internet.

Librarians have long believed that when the economy goes down, public library use goes up. But no one has been able to substantiate this belief with data – until now. ALA contracted with the University of Illinois Library Research Center to study library use over the last five years at the 25 U.S. public libraries serving populations of 1 million or more. Using data from 18 of those large libraries, the study found that circulation has increased significantly since March, 2001, when the National Bureau of Economic Research pegged the beginning of the latest recession. Using statistical analysis, the Library Research Center found that circulation in March, 2001, was 8.3% higher than would be expected from the trend observed since January, 1997. Following the events of September 11, circulation in October, 2001, exceeded the trend by 11.3%.

A separate survey, released by ALA on April 15, 2002, found that, overwhelmingly, adults are satisfied with their public libraries (84% compared to 7% who were not satisfied). KRC Research & Consulting conducted the "@ your library: Attitudes Toward Public Libraries" study, which polled about 1,000 adult Americans in a national random-sample telephone survey conducted March 8-11. The survey found:

- Of adults visiting libraries, those aged 25-34 visit the most often 24 times per year. On average library users visit 13 times a year.
- More than two-thirds of adults with children under 18 say they visit libraries with their children.
- 62% of adult Americans say they have a library card. Adults with children are most likely to have a library card (73%).
- The library is most often used for educational purposes (46%), followed by entertainment (41%)
- More than half of those polled believe \$26 to \$100 per capita should be spent to support public libraries (current spending per capita is \$25 nationwide).

In addition to asking Americans about their library habits, the survey also sought to gauge public perceptions of libraries. ALA found that:

- 91% believe libraries are changing and dynamic places with a variety of activities for the whole family.
- 90% believe libraries are places of opportunity for education, self-help, and offer free access to all.
- 88% agreed libraries are unique because you have access to nearly everything on the Web or in print, as well as personal service and assistance in finding it.
- 83% believe free people need free libraries; and libraries and librarians play an essential role in our democracy and are needed now more than ever.
- 81% agreed that librarians are techno-savvy and on the forefront of the Information Age.

For more information on both surveys, go to http://www.ala.org/pio/nlw/nlw2002/intro.html.

# FOR FUTURE REFERENCE...

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## Interlibrary Loan: When you just can't get it back...

If you are having a problem with a patron not returning interlibrary loan material, take the initiative with the lender. Report the problem immediately. Even though this isn't a complete solution, you save the lender the time it would have taken to

notify you. Let the lender know you are aware of the problem and working on it. If you are billed, pay promptly with a library check, when necessary even before you receive payment from the patron. Interlibrary loan losses are hard enough without added headaches related to notifying and billing borrowers.

### Spread the load...

Don't wear out your welcome. Over time, use a variety of lenders. Since instate mail service is fairly consistent, using lenders outside your immediate area often yields just as fast service. The more libraries participating in lending, the stronger statewide interlibrary loan service becomes. There is an exception to using a variety of lenders. If you need several items on the same day that could all be sent by one lender, borrow all of the items from this lender so they can be mailed in one package.

## Borrowing multiple copies...

A reminder. In addition to titles available in multiple copies from Essex Free library, <a href="http://www.essex.org/library3.htm">http://www.essex.org/library3.htm</a>, there are also multiple copies listed at <a href="http://talkingaboutbooks.aexx.net/">http://talkingaboutbooks.aexx.net/</a>, a business in Williamstown, VT. Talking About Books offers multiple copies of titles that are excellent for book groups and charges minimal fees.

## New library science books available in DOLCAT:

Carnegie libraries across America: a public legacy. John Wiley and Sons, 1997.

Copyright plain & simple 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Career Press, 2001.

Don't make me think: a common sense approach to web usability. New Riders, 2000.

The librarian's guide to intellectual property in the digital age: copyrights, patents and trademarks. American Library Association, 2002.

Online community information: creating a nexus at your library. American Library Association, 2002.

Recommended reference books for small and medium-sized libraries and media centers, 2001. Libraries Unlimited, 2001.

Whither the postmodern library? Libraries, technology and education in the information age. McFarland, 2000.

#### Consumer Health Reference: Need answers to health related questions?

For a variety of print and web consumer health resources, try <a href="http://dol.state.vt.us/www/refbib/chbib.htm">http://dol.state.vt.us/www/refbib/chbib.htm</a>. In particular, there are several web sites in the "general information" section that are easy to use and packed with information including MedlinePlus, <a href="https://www.medlineplus.gov">www.medlineplus.gov</a>, Healthfinder, <a href="https://www.healthfinder.gov">www.healthfinder.gov</a> and YourSurgery.com, <a href="https://www.yoursurgery.com">www.yoursurgery.com</a>.

Under "general information, state," the most helpful web site is Healthy Vermonters, part of the Vermont Department of Health's web site. Go to <a href="http://www.healthyvermonters.info/contents.shtml">http://www.healthyvermonters.info/contents.shtml</a> for an easy index to a wide range of health topics, e.g. abuse, air quality, anthrax, arthritis and asthma.

#### Concentrate on the patron...

It is especially tempting, when helping a patron with health information needs, to share personal experiences and opinions, particularly if you have background in the medical world of any kind. Try to remember that patrons want most to talk about themselves. Avoid giving any information "off the top of your head." Refer patrons to sources that you feel are reliable and allow them to interpret the information for themselves. **Confidentially is vital in consumer health reference as with all reference work. Don't discuss any reference questions with others except people you are consulting for additional help.** 

# \*\*AVAILABLE...\*\*

#### RESOURCES...

..."Policymaking," a handout with a brief overview of the types of policies public libraries need, some information about bylaws, important ALA documents, and samples from Vermont public libraries – free – from Marianne Kotch, Department of Libraries, (802) 828-2320, marianne.kotch@dol.state.vt.us.

...Sample forms, including smoking policy, sample emergency procedures, or a termination reference release form – free from Office Depot's website: http://www.officedepot.com/BusinessTools/forms/default.asp.

...Popular "Bare Bones" lists have been revised and updated by Amy Howlett for recent Department of Libraries "Collection Development" workshops. For a new Bare Bones packet, contact Mary Moore, mary.moore@dol.state.vt.us.

..."BOARD CAFÉ" archives, print-ready, at http://www.boardcafe.org. Look under "Archived Issues" for short and main course articles such as "How to Fire Your Executive Director" (March 1998), "Thinking About Going Out of Business" (June 2000), "What to Do with Board Members Who Don't Do Anything" (April 2001), or "Sample Conflict of Interest Policy" (January 2000). And while you're at it, sign up to receive this excellent, small newsletter for board members of nonprofits.

..."Rural Library Services newsletter," a quarterly publication with practical information to keep up with trends and current issues in our nation's smallest – but most plentiful - public libraries. \$30/year from Susan N. Hill, Director/Editor, Paulding County Carnegie Library, 205 S. Main St., Paulding, OH 45879, http://www.pauldingcountylibrary.org.

...The American Library Assn.'s spring graphics catalog, including "Read" posters, bookmarks, T-shirts, and even a "Read" BBQ apron – free by calling 1-866-SHOPALA or via website http://www.alastore.ala.org.

...The Public Library Association division of ALA offers a variety of awards for excellence each year – this may be your library's year to earn the "Advancement of Literacy Award," the "Excellence in Small and/or Rural Public Library Service Award," and several others. For a brochure with nomination forms call PLA at 1-800-545-2433, ext. 5026, or at PLA's website http://www.pla.org.

#### **GRANTS...**

...American Doctrine International (ADI) Foundation is interested in helping Vermont public libraries write grants for books, buildings, and other necessities. Contact ADI, PO Box 108, New Haven, VT 05472, (802) 657-0166 for details.

#### CONTINUING EDUCATION...

...TAP-VT, the Vermont Community Foundation's continuing education program for staff and boards of nonprofits, is now listed at the foundation's website – http://www.vermontcf.org/tap.html. You can view the schedule and download registration forms for workshops which cover a variety of topics, including board development, grant research, capital campaigns, running effective meetings.

...Ohio Library Council has developed two online, self-directed training programs for library staff: Orientation for New Employees and ORE (Ohio Reference Excellence) on the internet. To access these learning tools, visit OLC's website http://www.olc.org and select either "ORE on the WEB" or "Orientation Program." The Orientation Program provides an overview of public library service for new library staff - customer service, confidentiality, Dewey, etc. ORE on the WEB is designed to enhance reference skills and abilities, particularly for staff with no formal reference training. For more information, contact Wayne Piper of the Ohio Library Council at 614-221-9057 or wpiper@olc.org.

## WEBSITES TO EXPLORE...

- ...http://www.overbooked.org annotated lists of books receiving good reviews in various professional journals as well as links to other websites for genre fiction
  - ...http://www.literatureawards.com/index.htm extensive lists of book awards, winners, and when awarded
  - ...http://www.barnacle.org/overdue daily library-related comic strip to share with your customers

## \*COMING EVENTS\*

Tues., July 23, 9:30 am – *Serving Seniors* workshop, Northeast Regional Library, St. Johnsbury. Repeats Thurs., July 25, Ilsley Public Library, Middlebury. Contact: Grace W. Greene, 828-3261.

Thurs., Aug. 1, 9:30 am – Rutland County Librarians meeting, Proctor Free Library. Contact: Mary Brough, 459-4539.

Fri., Aug. 2, 9:30 am – *New Planning for Results* seminar, Brownell Library, Essex Junction. Repeats Thurs., Aug. 29, 9:30 am, Hartland Public Library. Contact: Marianne Kotch, 828-2320.

Wed., Aug. 7, 9:30 am – *E-rate* workshop, Grafton Elementary School. Repeats Wed., Aug. 14, Midstate Regional Library, Berlin. Contact: Grace W. Greene, 828-3261.

Fri., Aug. 16 - State holiday. All Department of Libraries offices and regional libraries closed.

Tues., Aug. 20, 10:30 am – Vermont Board of Libraries meeting, Midstate Regional Library, Berlin. Contact: Sybil Brigham McShane, 828-3265.

Tues., Aug. 27, 10:00 am – "One Person Libraries" Group meeting, Midstate Regional Library, Berlin. Topic for discussion: working with school libraries. Contact: Stephanie Chase, 878-5639.

Mon., Sept. 2 - State holiday. All Department of Libraries offices and regional libraries closed.

Wed., Sept. 11, 3:30 pm – Chittenden County Librarians meeting, Dorothy Alling Memorial Library, Williston. Contact: Rickie Emerson, 878-4918.

Fri., Sept. 13, 9:30 am – Public Library Directors quarterly forum, Midstate Regional Library, Berlin. Contact: Marianne Kotch, 828-2320.

Tues., Sept. 17, 9:30 am - Young Adult Services workshop, Aldrich Public Library, Barre. Contact: Grace W. Greene, 828-3261.

Thurs., Sept. 19, 9:30 am – Vermont Library Assn. board meeting, Midstate Regional Library, Berlin. Contact: Karen Lane, 476-7550.

Mon., Sept. 23 – Dorothy Canfield Fisher Memorial Children's Book Award presentation, Vermont Technical College. Contact: Grace W. Greene, 828-3261.

Wed., Sept. 25, 9:30 am – Franklin-Grand Isle Librarians meeting, Montgomery Town Library. Contact: Marianne Kotch, 828-2320.

Tues., Oct. 8, 9:00 am – Red Clover Book Award conference, Lake Morey Inn, Fairlee. Contact: Vermont Center for the Book, 875-2751.

Tues., Oct. 15, 10:30 am – Vermont Board of Libraries meeting, Midstate Regional Library, Berlin. Contact: Sybil Brigham McShane, 828-3265.

Wed., Oct. 16, 6:30 pm – Friends of the DCF Award organizational meeting with Katherine Paterson, Kellogg-Hubbard Library, Montpelier. Contact: Grace W. Greene, 828-3261.

Sat., Nov. 2, 9:30 am – Annual fall trustees conference – *How is Your Library Changing?* - Kellogg-Hubbard Library, Montpelier. Sponsored by the Vermont Library Trustees Assn. and Public Library Section of the VLA in cooperation with the Department of Libraries. Registration fee: \$15 for VLA members, \$18 for nonmembers. Contact: Marianne Kotch, 828-2320.

Tues., Nov. 5, 9:30 am – Children's Materials Review minisession, Butterfield Library, Westminster. Repeats: Thurs., Nov. 7 – Sherburne Memorial Library, Killington; Tues., Nov. 12 – Milton Public Library; Thurs., Nov. 14 – Northeast Regional Library, St. Johnsbury. Contact: Grace W. Greene, 828-3261.

Mon., Nov. 11 - State holiday. Department of Libraries central office and regional libraries closed.

Thurs., Nov. 21, 9:30 am – Vermont Library Assn. board meeting. Midstate Regional Library, Berlin. Contact: Karen Lane, 476-7550.

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# YOUTH SERVICES NEWS

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#### Children's Librarians Fall Meeting...

Don't miss the annual gathering to plan summer reading programs and network with other children's librarians. This year's meeting will be on Thursday, September 12 at 9:30 a.m. at the Midstate Regional Library, Berlin. We will plan the 2003 program, "Summerfeast," and choose a theme and title for 2004. Anyone who works with children in a public library is welcome. The meeting will last until noon, but bring a lunch and continue the sharing while you munch.

#### Fall Materials Review Sessions...

This fall there will be big changes in Materials Review. Leda Schubert, School Library Media Consultant for the Vermont Department of Education, is retiring in the fall. She will, however, be working as a contract employee for 10% time, and will continue to be the Department of Education's liaison with The Red Clover and DCF committees. She is also willing to do Materials Review on a very limited basis. **Therefore, instead of five live presentations this fall, there will be ONLY ONE**. This will be held at the Brown Public Library in Northfield on Tuesday, October 29 at 9:00 a.m. (directions below). This will not be the only chance to see the books, however. They will appear at the four other regular locations, with the reviews inserted in them. There will be just as many books as always, but the reviews will be done orally at only the one spot. A regional librarian will be at each of the locations to facilitate the program. The schedule is as follows:

Butterfield Library, Westminster Tuesday, November 5
Sherburne Memorial Library, Killington Thursday, November 7
Milton Public Library Tuesday, November 12
Northeast Regional Library, St.Johnsbury Thursday, November 14

All programs will begin at 9:00 a.m. There will be a formal part to the program and then plenty of time to examine all the books.

**Directions to the Brown Public Library in Northfield:** From the North, take I89 to Exit 8 (Montpelier) and follow Route 12 South; from the South, take I89 to Exit 5 (Northfield/Williamstown) and take Route 12 North. The library is located on Route 12 (Main Street) in downtown Northfield. Parking is available in the library parking lots and in the United Church parking lot directly across the street from the library. The library telephone number is 485-4621.

## **Mock Caldecott Returns...**

After a year's hiatus, our annual Mock Caldecott program will return. As always, there will be a morning speaker (to be announced), and then in the afternoon people will choose their favorite picture book of the year. The program will be held on Friday, November 22 at Vermont Technical College, Randolph Center. Registration forms will be ready at the end of the summer. Please request one if you would like to attend.

### **CLiF Conference...**

The Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) is sponsoring its first annual conference for libraries in Vermont and New Hampshire that have received past CLiF grants for children's books. The conference, to be held in Hanover on September 20, will feature librarians talking about successful programs, outreach, fundraising and getting the children into the library. Trina Schart Hyman, Caldecott medalist from NH, will end the day with remarks. All libraries that are eligible to attend will receive a registration form from CLiF later this summer.

### **Performers' Directory**

We are beginning to update our directory of performers, <u>Programs For Children</u>, and are looking for suggestions of new people who do programs or talks for children at schools or libraries. Please send me names and addresses of anyone you know who would be good to include. If your library has sponsored a great program lately, and that person is NOT in our 2000 directory, please share the wealth and send us their contact information. The Directory should be sent to all public libraries in September.

## **Dorothy Canfield Fisher News...**

There are lots of things happening in connection with the Dorothy Canfield Fisher program this year, and we hope you will get involved. There's a ceremony in September; a conference in May, 2003, and a brand new Friends of the DCF in the making. We are trying to increase involvement and participation in the program in a number of different ways, and need you to spread the word.

The 2002 DCF Award winner is Kate Di Camillo for Because Of Winn Dixie (Candlewick, 2000). Ms. Di Camillo will be coming to Vermont on Monday, September 23 to receive her award and speak to some of her fans. In early September, we will send out invitations to all libraries and schools that voted. The ceremony, to be held at Vermont Technical College, Randolph Center, will include the acceptance speech, a time for children to ask questions and answers, and a booksale. The top ten books this year were:

| J   | AUTHOR            | TITLE                         |
|-----|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1.  | DiCamillo, Kate   | Because Of Winn Dixie         |
| 2.  | Etchemendy, Nancy | The Power Of Un               |
| 3.  | Martin, Ann M.    | The Doll People               |
| 4.  | Creech, Sharon    | The Wanderer                  |
| 5.  | Spinelli, Jerry   | <u>Stargirl</u>               |
| 6.  | Gantos, Jack      | Joey Pigza Loses Control      |
| 7.  | Whelan, Gloria    | Homeless Bird                 |
| 8.  | Avi               | Ereth's Birthday              |
| 9.  | Philbrick, Rodman | The Last Book In The Universe |
| 10. | Peck, Richard     | A Year Down Yonder            |

There will be a DCF Conference for the first time ever for teachers and librarians to promote the award, and to help educators improve their reading programs for grades 4-8. Lois Lowry will be the keynote speaker, and there will be many workshops on various aspects of reading, discussing books, linking to standards, managing a literature program in the classroom, etc. Mark your calendars now for Friday, May 2, 2003, at the Holiday Inn, Rutland. Registration forms will be sent out in early spring. A Friends of DCF is being formed, and we want you! The group will expand promotion of the program through programming, publicity, and fund raising. A kickoff and organizational meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 16 at 6:30 p.m at the Kellogg Hubbard Library in Montpelier. Katherine Paterson will be the featured speaker.

*DCF Activity Pages* for eight of the books were distributed at the Vermont Library Conference. These are in addition to the whole DCF manual, just as the committee did last year. If you did not get copies of these pages, we will be happy to send you a packet.

There will be a three-year committee opening beginning in March 2003. Please let interested parents, teachers and community members know about this opportunity. Applicants should send a letter of interest, a brief resume and two reviews, one positive, and one negative, of any children's books of their choosing, to: Grace W. Greene, Children's Services Consultant, Vermont Department of Libraries, 109 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05609. Deadline: October 4, 2002.

## Red Clover Award Update...

*The 2002 winner* was voted by over 24,000 children in grades K-4 this year. They chose <u>Click, Clack Moo, Cows That Type</u> by Doreen Cronin, illustrated by Betsy Lewin (Simon and Schuster, 2002) as the winner. The totals for each book are as follows:

| 1.  | Cronin, Doreen   | Click, Clack, Moo Cows That Type | 5,702 |
|-----|------------------|----------------------------------|-------|
| 2.  | Sierra, Judy     | The Gift Of The Crocodile        | 4,859 |
| 3.  | Ederle, Gertrude | America's Champion Swimmer       | 2,999 |
| 4.  | Casanova, Mary   | <u>The Hunter</u>                | 2,250 |
| 5.  | Falconer, Ian    | <u>Olivia</u>                    | 2,206 |
| 6.  | Nolen, Jerdine   | Big Jabe                         | 1,784 |
| 7.  | Kajikawa, Kimiko | Yoshi's Feast                    | 1,241 |
| 8.  | Christian, Peggy | If You Find A Rock               | 1,230 |
| 9.  | Florian, Douglas | <u>Mammalabilia</u>              | 1,124 |
| 10. | Helldorfer, M.C. | <u>Hog Music</u>                 | 804   |

*The 2002 conference* will be held on Tuesday, October 8 at Lake Morey Inn in Fairlee. Doreen Cronin will be there to receive her award and deliver a speech. The Vermont Center for the Book will send out conference registration information later this summer.

There is one committee opening on the Red Clover Award committee for the term beginning next year. If you are interested in reading and discussing picture books, helping to choose the annual list, participating in workshops and conferences, and working with a fabulous group of people, please submit a letter of interest, a resume, and two reviews of picture books, one positive and one negative, to Sally Anderson at the Vermont Center for the Book, 256 Haywood Road, Chester, VT 05143 by December 15. To find out more about the responsibilities of committee members, consult your Red Clover guide. If you do not have a guide, contact the Vermont Center for the Book at 875-2751.



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